

**APPENDIX A**

**Practitioner's Docket No. 57127**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**REISSUE APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION  
(BY INVENTOR)**

**DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in letters patent number 5,974,349, granted on October 26, 1999, and in the subject matter in the amendment filed on October 25, 2002, and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. In compliance with this duty, an information disclosure statement was filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 on October 25, 2002.

**STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS OR INVALIDITY  
OF ORIGINAL PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.175)**

I verily believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(1)) the patentee claiming more or less than the patentee had a right to claim in the patent.

That the aforementioned error(s) which are being corrected, up to the time of the filing of this reissue supplemental declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)(2)).

**STATEMENT OF INOPERATIVENESS OR  
INVALIDITY OF ORIGINAL PATENT  
(continued)**

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Claims 1-3 are partly inoperative because each claim contains unnecessary limitations. Applicant seeks to broaden the claims by eliminating unnecessary limitations. In claims 1 and 2, "an aircraft manufacturer's database means for providing aircraft data and maintenance information" is an unnecessary limitation. In claim 3, "providing communication access to an aircraft manufacturer's database" is an unnecessary limitation.

All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. (37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1)).

## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

## SIGNATURE

### BY THE INVENTOR

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